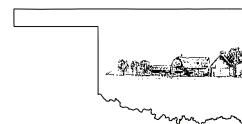


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Storms Passed Through Parts of Oklahoma

April 26 - On Monday, April 19, severe storms with rain, hail, high winds, and flooding spread across the state. This was followed by additional rainfall later in the week. The much needed rain helped increase soil moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture was at 11 percent surplus, 64 percent adequate, 19 percent short and 6 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was at 5 percent surplus, 60 percent adequate, 25 percent short and 10 percent very short. There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	19	64	11
Last Week	6	25	68	1
Last Year	5	26	68	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	25	60	5
Last Week	10	27	62	1
Last Year	11	27	61	1

Small Grains: Wheat progress advanced rapidly last week with 70 percent of the crop headed by week's end. The warm weather and moisture proved very timely in promoting the wheat growth. Wheat condition was at 12 percent excellent, 46 percent good, 28 percent fair, 10 percent poor, and 4 percent very poor. Rye condition improved slightly to 12 percent excellent, 58 percent good, 20 percent fair, 7 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. Rye headed, at 90 percent, also took a significant jump from last week with ideal growing conditions. Oat conditions were at 4 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 38 percent fair, 10 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. Oats jointing were up 13 points from last week to 76 percent.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 25, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	4	10	28	46	12
Last Week	3	9	31	47	10
Last Year	3	7	24	49	17
Rye					
This Week	3	7	20	58	12
Oats					
This Week	3	10	38	45	4

Row Crops: Row crops made good progress with much needed rain and warm weather. Sorghum seedbed prepared increased to 42 percent. Seven percent of the crop has been planted. Corn seedbed preparations were winding down as planting neared the halfway mark with 46 percent of the corn planted. The recent rains have delayed planting some as it lagged behind the normal of 59 percent. Thirty six percent of the corn had emerged. Soybean planting was underway with a 10 point increase to 12 percent of the acres planted. Seedbed preparations for peanuts caught up with normal trends at 76 percent. Six percent of the peanuts were planted. Cotton seedbed preparation was slightly higher than the five year average at 82 percent. Planting was just getting underway with 3 percent of the cotton planted.

Hay: Harvesting of alfalfa and other hay was active this week. The first cutting of alfalfa was at 35 percent, up 20 points from last week. Eleven percent of the first cutting of other hay was completed. The conditions of hay did not change much from last week. Alfalfa conditions were at 14 percent excellent, 57 percent good, 23 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor. Conditions for other hay were at 10 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 36 percent fair, 6 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 25, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	5	23	57	14
Other Hay	1	6	36	47	10

Pasture: The warm weather and rainfall has promoted pasture growth. Pasture conditions were rated as mostly fair to good. Conditions were at 7 percent excellent, 41 percent good, 36 percent fair, 13 percent poor and 3 percent very poor.

Livestock: Livestock conditions stayed consistent with last week. Livestock insect activity was light, however, there were more reports of flies this week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$99.68 per cwt., down slightly from last week. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds was also down from last week, averaging \$92.93 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 25, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	4	24	56	16
Pasture & Range	3	13	36	41	7

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS
Week Ending April 25, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Jointing	98	97	98	94	Seedbed Prepared	67	54	59	59
Headed	70	25	52	42	Planted	12	2	16	19
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Jointing	76	63	68	71	Seedbed Prepared	76	59	77	70
Headed	21	n/a	13	24	Planted	6	n/a	11	4
Rye -					Cotton -				
Headed	90	26	n/a	n/a	Seedbed Prepared	82	81	86	81
Corn -					Planted	3	n/a	3	3
Seedbed Prepared	95	87	91	90	Alfalfa -				
Planted	46	41	42	59	1 st Cutting	35	15	21	20
Emerged	36	24	23	19	Other Hay -				
Sorghum -					1 st Cutting	11	5	8	7
Seedbed Prepared	42	35	46	50					
Planted	7	3	11	7					

Weather for Week Ending April 25, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 33 degrees at Kenton on Friday, April 23rd, to 90 degrees at Altus on Wednesday, April 21st. Precipitation averaged 0.61 in. West Central district to 4.13 in. East Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 50 degrees at Kenton on Friday, April 23rd, to 75 degrees at Waurika on Thursday, April 22nd.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA
Week Ending April 25, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2004 to April 25, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	67	44	55	1.79	4.85	+1.68	153
West Central	72	51	61	0.61	6.63	+2.06	145
Southwest	76	53	64	1.07	5.60	+1.12	125
North Central	69	50	60	2.29	7.60	+2.45	148
Central	73	54	63	1.27	6.29	+0.10	102
South Central	77	59	67	1.82	4.85	- 1.83	73
Northeast	71	54	62	2.96	9.80	+2.79	140
East Central	74	58	66	4.13	8.84	+1.14	115
Southeast	76	62	69	2.49	6.78	- 1.45	82